

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

May 29, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.

Those present were:

Chairman, Commissioner Gary Weaver
Commissioner Kenny Schutte
Commissioner Terry Thompson
Executive Director Doyle Palmer
Admin Assistant Kim Coreson

Chairman G. Weaver called the meeting to order.

After adding "drains" under the heading of Othello Business Park, the agenda was approved by a motion from T. Thompson, seconded by K. Schutte. Regular meeting minutes from April 22nd were approved in a motion by T. Thompson, seconded by K. Schutte. Special meeting minutes from April 28th were approved in a motion by K. Schutte, seconded by T. Thompson. Vouchers were approved in a motion by T. Thompson, seconded by K. Schutte.

The FAA is wanting to close out AIP08. The only things left outstanding are the retainage money for Kerr Contracting, the sign project that the FAA added on to the grant, and closure on the Simpson property. Steve Sackmann said that there has been an offer to settle for \$15,000 presented to Lawlor, Simpson's lawyer. He is advising Simpson to accept it.

The airport's SPCC plan is finished and there is a copy of it here at the office. Wayne received a copy as well since part of the plan involved his tanks. They suggested that we put together a spill containment kit with gloves, absorbance material, etc. and include what is called a "pig," which is a portable containment strand of material to block and help contain or direct spills. They informed D. Palmer that tanks need to be inspected every 20 years. Ours was put in in 1993, so it's getting to be time we start thinking about getting our tanks inspected.

D. Palmer has ordered five new meters for the Bruce Water System and six electronic reading devices for the Badger meters we already have. The meter at Western Cold Storage will be replaced with one that is outside of the building.

The scale house along Booker Road is being sold. It does not have its own meter, so D. Palmer has informed the current owner that it needs to have its own meter by the time the new owner begins using water.

Last week D. Palmer was made aware of a line that has been functioning in a low-use area that does not have a meter or back-flow device connected to it. He has informed the owner that this needs to be corrected. The Commissioners agree that there is no need to levy back-charges. Just charge them for this line from this point forward and the usage, once the meter is installed.

Simplot is putting another storage facility in. The Fire department is requiring another fire hydrant. K. Schutte asked where it would be looped. D. Palmer said he would find out.

The electrical panel at Well 3 has been removed and sent away for repair. Everything is working fine, there's just no readout right now.

Regarding the Railroad Easement at the Bruce Industrial Site, D. Palmer is still waiting on a reply regarding paperwork that needs to be filled out. He will probably have progress to report on at the next meeting.

D. Palmer met with the team from JUB's feasibility team. He suggested to the team to study the wage issue first, as it is a pivotal issue on whether or not another CERB grant will be issued to do the large-scale project.

The Commissioners were presented with a resolution from the Department of Reclamation stating that all three phases of the Othello Business Park were cleared for the current drain plan.

MOTION:
Port of Othello release irrigation rights to Farm Unit 180.

Discussion about water rights out at the airport property west of Flite Level Zero's buildings resulted in a motion to abandon those water rights due to the annual cost versus the liability of continued ownership. K. Schutte motioned that Port of Othello release irrigation rights to Farm Unit 180. T. Thompson seconded the motion.

Port of Othello has money in the County Investment Pool, which yields next to nothing in interest. D. Palmer has researched other investment vehicles and determined that Umpqua has a tiered investment tool wherein an investor invests \$250K in each tier, each maturing in six-month intervals from one another. It earns 2% and there is no early withdraw penalty. The Commissioners discussed the options D. Palmer had

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researched and T. Thompson motioned that the Port invest \$1.5M of its money which is currently in the County Pool, into the Umpqua tiered investment, providing that the entire amount is FDIC guaranteed, and providing that we are legally allowed to do so. K. Schutte seconded the motion.

There being no further business, it was moved by T. Thompson and seconded by K. Schutte that the meeting be adjourned.

PORT COMMISSIONERS




Gary Weaver

ABSENT

Kenny Schutte



Terry Thompson



Attest: Kimberlie Coreson, Clerk